



Link Up!

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock.’ Matthew 7:24

Still to come in July:

On Sunday 19th July we have a visit from Rev'd Simon Gray who is the minister on the Southern Counties Baptist Association team responsible for our part of the Association area.

And on Sunday 26th July we will complete our series on Daniel by looking at Daniel's visions.

Looking forward to August:

We are starting a new series on Sunday mornings entitled 'Hot Topics', which will look at some subjects which are challenging for Christians.

On Sunday 2nd August we will look at the topic of 'Sacraments' which is particularly appropriate as we will share communion together as part of the service.

Then on Sunday 9th August we will look at 'Medical Ethics' and Nicky Adolphe will be speaking about this.



Liza, my granddaughter has just taken part in her first proper school sports day. Videos of her competing in the sack race and beanbag on the head race takes me back to my own sports days - many years ago. The whole school used to be split into teams of red, yellow, green or blue which meant we were not only competing for ourselves but also for our school team.

Moving forwards a few years, I am currently enjoying this year's FIFA World Cup. Each player is hopefully, not playing for their own glory so much as for the success of their team. This competitive spirit between players and fans alike is particularly evident during

the singing of their particular National Anthem at the start of each match.



Looking forward to August:

On Sunday 16th August, Ken and family will be away on holiday, and Janet Matterface will look at 'Faith in the Community'.

Then on Sunday 23rd August with Ken still away, Stephen Chaloner will look at 'God and Money'.

Our service on Sunday 30th August will be a joint service with Parkstone Baptist Church at our church when we will look at 'Women in Leadership'.

Ken will be away on leave from Monday 10th until Sunday 23rd August inclusive. He will be back on Monday 24th August. In his absence contact Janet or one of the other deacons for information or help.

Other Notices:

On Saturday 18th July from 1pm to 4pm we will be holding our own garden fair in the church garden, hall, church and lounge. During the event there will be games and a bouncy castle, refreshments in the lounge and music by Brandon Ruku Ali in the Church.

Don't forget that we are now recording the Sunday sermons and putting these onto our website. So, if you are missing from church on a Sunday you can catch up online during the week by going to: www.longfleetbaptistchurch.co.uk.

Also, you can go to our YouTube channel to listen to a series of podcasts called 'Diving Deeper' where Ken discusses one or two of the bible study questions that our Bible Study groups look at. Search for 'Longfleet Baptist Church' to find us.

You could well be wondering what all this has to do with the all-time Sunday-School favourite bible story about the house built on the rock and the house built on the sand.

This particular narrative in Matthew follows some hard-hitting words of Jesus where He teaches that it is not enough to profess being on the Lord's side but that we also need to follow it up with our actions. If we do the will of the Father then we will withstand the wind and the floods, like the house built on the rock.

Sometimes we find ourselves wavering; our actions don't match up to the house on the rock scenario, and our failures can feel like a catastrophic own goal. But rather than dwelling on our inadequacies, how much better to take them to Jesus and move on.

Jesus does not expect us to live our lives in isolation. As long as we know whose side we are on, He will give us the strength to do the rest.

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